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SUBJECT: FAO PROGRAM FOR PREVENTION OF POST-HARVEST LOSSES (PHL)

1. FODAG INFORMED BY HUYSMANS, FAO, THAT, IN ADDITION TO U.S.,
FRG, JAPAN, CANADA, AND POLAND ASKED FOR REFUNDING OF MONIES FROM
SPECIAL ACCOUNT. AT THAT TIME FRG AND JAPAN PLEDGED LIKE AMOUNTS
TO PHL TO BE PAID THIS BIENNIUM. CANADA INDICATED IT WILL
CONSIDER CONTRIBUTING TO FUND AND, THOUGH IT HAS NOT YET DONE
SO, FAO CONFIDENTLY EXPECTS CANADA TO COME THROUGH. FAO HAS
HEARD NOTHING FROM POLAND--NOT YES, NO, OR MAYBE.

2. HUYSMANS EXPRESSED HOPE THAT U.S. COULD BE FORTHCOMING SOON
AS REQUESTS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOR PHL ASSISTANCE APPROACHING
8 MILLION DOLLARS. PHL UNTIED PLEDGES TO DATE APPROXIMATELY 9
MILLION DOLLARS. ADDITIONAL 3 MILLION DOLLRS (APPROX.) IN TIED
PLEDGES, PRINCIPALLY FROM NETHERLANDS, WHERE PLEDGE IS CONDITIONAL
ON THEIR APPROVAL. HUYSMANS' POINT IS THAT, WITHOUT ADDITIONAL
PLEDGERS, SUCH AS U.S., FAO WILL HAVE TO CONSIDER CURTAILING
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PROGRAM IN NOT-TOO-DISTANT FUTURE.

3. OF COURSE, FODAG REALIZES REQUESTS FOR 8 MILLION DOLLARS
DO NOT NECESSARILY REPRESENT PROJECTS WHICH FAO WILL APPROVE;
THAT FIGURE WILL BE SMALLER. HUYSMANS POINTS OUT THAT, AS LEVEL
OF REQUESTS REACHES LEVEL OF RESOURCES PLEDGED, THERE WILL HAVE
TO BE CUTTING BACK OF ACCEPTANCES OF REQUESTS IN ORDER NOT TO

CREATE ILLWILL AND FRUSTRATION BY FAILURE TO MEET EXPECTATIONS.HOLMES

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